Representation to Increase State's Share

2419. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has represented to increase state's share on central revenue; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

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(b) State's share of Central revenue is decided on the basis of the recommendations of the Finance Commission. The Finance Commission is expected to give its final report by 30th June, 2000.

Worsening of Poverty

2420. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the All India percentage of people below poverty line as in 1988 and in 1998;

(b) the reasons for worsening of poverty in Nineties inspite of reforms having no impact on national poverty ; and

(c) the measures proposed for poverty reduction in the country?

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